COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tuesday, *the* *7th of August 1928.*
23rd of Karkadagam 1103.

The House met at Half past Eleven of the Clock with the Diwan-President in the Chair. Messrs. Rao Sahib T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar, P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan, Ouseph P. Kundukulam, V. D. Ouseph, K. T. Mathew and T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Friday as Muslim Holiday.

79. **Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken by them to comply with the request made by the Member for the Muslims in the first Legislative Council regarding the exemption of Muslims from attending public offices on Friday?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Following the discussion on the subject which took place in the Council, Government have directed their Heads of Departments that, on Fridays, Muslim Members of the staff in the public offices may be allowed to leave office between 1 and 2 p. m. to go to the Mosque to say their prayers and that Muslims may be exempted from attendance in courts between the said hours.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—May I know whether the Member for the Mussalmans in the last Council has brought it to the notice of the Government that exemption from attendance in the public offices from 12 to 1 would not satisfy the needs of the Mussalmans in that matter?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—You mean between 12 and 1, or is it 1 and 2?

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Between 1 and 2 p. m.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It has been ordered like that.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—But whether the Member for the Mussalmans has brought it to the notice of the Government that it would not satisfy?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I do not think there was any such thing.

Certain publications regarding the election at Kunnamkulam.

80. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the District Magistrate has

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received copies of certain publications under the names of (i) കടിഞാൺ കുഞ്ഞ(ii)പോട്ടർമാരുടെ ശ്രദ്ധക്ക് and (iii) ഭാരള ഭിക്ഷൽ without showing the names of the printer and publisher ; if so, what action was taken in the matter ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes ; the matter is pending with the District Magistrate.

Sale of Toplings.

81. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the total measurement of the toplings sold to Mr. Numberumal Chetty and to Mr. C. P. Luiz and the amount realised by the same ;

(2) was the measurement of either checked by the audit staff ; if so, was there any difference, and how much was the difference ;

(3) how was the difference brought about ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) Since no period of sale has been specified, it is not possible to furnish the information.

(2) and (3). In view of the answer to (1) no reply is called for.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—How long were Messrs. Numberumal Chetty and C. P. Luiz purchasers ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—They have been purchasing now and then.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—From which year ? Are the the figures of 1102 and 1103 available here ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Not here.

Perumthodu Bridge.

82. **Mr. A. B. Salem.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the date on which the estimate for reconstructing the bridge over Perumthodu was made ;

(2) the amount of the final estimate sanctioned for that bridge ;

(3) the date of the final sanction of the estimate ;

(4) the allotment that was asked for that purpose to be provided in the budget for 1103 ;

(5) the name of the contractor to whom the work was entrusted ;

(6) if the allotment for that purpose was exceeded in 1103 the reasons for it ;

(7) the dates on which interim bills were paid to the contractor ;

(8) the terms of the contract regarding payment for work done ?

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